

Elaine Linn

As Assistant Director of Academic Programs, Elaine Linn is responsible for recruitment and retention of students enrolled in GSC's academic programs including personalized academic advising, designing and implementing student focused career development opportunities, and outreach to alumni. She facilitates course development related to GSC core courses and the Muslims in a Global Context, mini courses. Ms. Linn is the Executive Director of the Consortium for Educational Resources on Islamic Studies (CERIS), a 32-member consortium of institutions of higher education, housed at GSC. In this capacity, she oversees the CERIS budget, faculty grants, an annual undergraduate research symposium, faculty reading forums, and information dissemination about research and travel opportunities for students and faculty. She has overseen two Fulbright Hays study tours for K-16 educators to Egypt; and successfully secured funding, in 2013, for a Fulbright Hays study tour for students. Ms. Linn has successfully secured \$800,000.00 of grant money from foundations and US government agencies to support international education at the University of Pittsburgh. She serves as the faculty advisor to the Muslim Student Association and FORGE. She teaches a course each fall for Pitt's Freshman Program, specifically tailored to students enrolled in Arabic I.

Prior to joining GSC, Ms. Linn worked for the Director of the University Center for International Studies at Pitt in the capacity of Director of the International Development Project where she oversaw three university- wide committees that worked on efforts to internationalize the university. She represented the University of Pittsburgh while serving for three years as president of the Pennsylvania Council for International Education. Before Pitt, Ms. Linn worked as a subcontractor for the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Department of

State and the World Bank. She has a BA in political science from Drake University and a MPIA from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. Ms. Linn has studied French; is currently a student of Arabic; and has worked in Haiti, Sri Lanka and Egypt.